

# Facility Super Star Award Winners

The Facility Super Star Awards recognizes employees of CAHF member facilities who have 20 or more years of service and have dedicated their lives to long-term care. The top 20 nominees are selected by CAHF's Board of Directors to receive the award and attend the awards ceremony.

# 2019 SUPER STARS



**Aquilina Abris**  
**Activities Assistant**  
**Glendora Grand, Glendora**

**34 Years in Long Term Care**

Lina started as a CNA in 1985 and eventually moved to the Activities Department where she has been a fixture for 22 years. Her passions are food and nutrition, sewing, music, arts and crafts and making her residents feel loved. Even at age 78, Lina continues to share her uplifting spirit with residents and staff and can be seen dancing alongside residents in Zumba class. A former Employee of the Year, Lina now works part-time but always gives 100 percent. She loves her residents and the feeling is mutual.



**Arturo Alcantar**  
**Groundskeeper**  
**Villa Del Rio, Bell Gardens**

**31 Years in Long Term Care**

Described as an exceptional, first-rate employee, Arturo immigrated to the U.S. in 1988 and began working at (Villa) Del Rio. Arturo has an immense passion for landscaping and says that after more than three decades, he still appreciates growing and cultivating plants. Through his dedication and hard work, he gradually transformed the facility grounds into a wonderful park for residents, families and staff to enjoy.



**Lisa Baiza**  
**RNA/CNA**  
**Willow Pass Healthcare Center, Concord**

**31 Years in Long Term Care**

Shortly after arriving in the United States from the Philippines, Lisa trained to become a CNA and began working in 1988. Compassionate and considerate, Lisa is the first person to respond to a call light. Later in her career, she became an RNA and acts as a lead person to resolve issues on the floor. Lisa has survived three ownership changes, 10 DONs and 10 administrators. She remains a stable force at the facility, being named Employee of the Month and Employee of the Year several times over.



**Mirna Bustamante**  
**CNA**  
**Del Rio Gardens Care Center, Bell Gardens**

**30 Years in Long Term Care**

Mirna immigrated to the U.S. in 1989 and decided to pursue a career as a certified nursing assistant after getting encouragement from her friends. Mirna is honest, caring, compassionate and dedicated to her work and her residents. She continues to pass her wisdom and knowledge to the newer generation of CNAs. Mirna is the true definition of a Super Star.



**Edward Co**  
**CNA**  
**Torrance Care Center West, Torrance**

**25 Years in Long Term Care**

With a gentle nature, strong personality and a passion for caring for residents with behavior challenges, Edward is the perfect fit for the facility's secure unit. Due to his excellent performance, Edward became a team leader and staff look up to him for support, training and guidance. He is consistently helpful, flexible, reliable and supportive of his co-workers and management. A previous Employee of the Month, Torrance Care Center is blessed to have Edward as part of the family.

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**Lydia Contemprato**  
**Licensed Vocational Nurse**  
**Edgemoor DP SNF, Santee**

**26 Years in Long Term Care**

Lydia has more than 43 years of nursing service, with 26 years in long term care. She is flexible and willing to help in other areas when the need arises. Lydia always exceeds expectations while providing courteous, high-quality service to patients and family members. Lydia monitors the certified nursing assistants and works closely with them to render excellent care. She is loved by her residents, their family members and her co-workers.



**Glenn Della**  
**RNA/CNA**  
**Long Beach Care Center, Long Beach**

**37 Years in Long Term Care**

Glenn is the epitome of a true facility Super Star. He comes to work every day offering to help wherever needed without looking for reward or recognition. He remains as vibrant and passionate about caring for residents as the first day he started. Glenn is also mentoring the next generation to carry out their calling to help the elderly with heart and humility. In his off time, Glenn helps raise money for education materials for under-privileged school students in the Philippines.



**Maria "Lucy" Espindola**  
**Dietary Manager**  
**Lone Tree Convalescent Hospital, Antioch**

**36 Years in Long Term Care**

From dietary aide to cook to dietary manager, Lucy Espindola has worked at Lone Tree Convalescent Hospital during her entire 36-year career. Lucy and her staff prepare most of the facility meals from scratch, receiving many compliments from residents. She also keeps residents happy with special meal requests and works side-by-side with her staff to create an atmosphere of mutual respect. Lucy won a Food Safety Excellence award from Contra Costa County last year and has had three consecutive, deficiency-free surveys in the food and nutrition services category.



**Dora Franklin**  
**Housekeeper**  
**Pacific Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Fresno**

**43 Years in Long Term Care**

When she was young and just new to California, Dora was a seasonal farm worker, but began working part time for Pacific Gardens in 1976. After 43 years on the job, she says she still likes to interact with the residents and is always learning something from them. She is dependable, gets the job done, and is beloved by the staff and residents.



**Carmen Lopez**  
**CNA**  
**West Hills Health & Rehab, Canoga Park**

**34 Years in Long Term Care**

Carmen came to the United States from El Salvador for a better life. She worked full-time with many double shifts to make ends meet. Devoted to their five children, Carmen worked day shift and her husband worked nights so they could care for their children – all of which are college graduates. Her work ethic, loving personality and kindness toward residents makes her more than an outstanding CNA. She is an outstanding human being. Carmen's struggle and life story is an inspiration to all.

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**Maryse Henriette Montes Luceus**  
**CNA**

**35 Years in Long Term Care**

**Rancho Mesa Care Center, Alta Loma**

Maryse is a night shift CNA who is hard-working, dedicated to her patients and loves her job. After a 35-year career, she remains very detail-oriented and takes time to care for her patients. Maryse takes pride in her work and often goes above-and-beyond. She takes on other roles outside of her job title to be helpful to others.



**Debbie Messie**  
**CNA**

**26 Years in Long Term Care**

**Silicon Valley Post Acute, San Jose**

Debbie has positive interactions with residents and their families on a daily basis. A tireless worker with an excellent attendance record, Debbie demonstrates empathy, compassion and love while at work. During her off hours, she volunteers and enjoys taking her dogs to visit senior citizens.



**Tony Sandoval**  
**CNA**

**29 Years in Long Term Care**

**The Lake Post Acute, Visalia**

Tony is loved by his residents and their families. They often share that when Tony is in the building, everything is perfect. He is also popular among his fellow co-workers. Tony is dedicated to the care of each resident; his rooms are immaculate and his smile is infectious. During his tenure, he has been Employee of the Month many times over. He was specifically chosen to help with a birthday trip to the coast for a 105 year-old resident who said Tony was her favorite CNA.



**Ledy Semana**  
**CNA Team Leader**

**27 Years in Long Term Care**

**Pacific Villa, Long Beach**

An outstanding athlete as a youth, Ledy represented the Philippines in competitions in Malaysia and the United States. After visiting here, Ledy realized that she wanted to live in America. She got married and obtained her CNA certificate in 1992 and has worked as a CNA ever since. Ledy has a positive attitude and is a team leader for the facility CNAs. She has a contagious smile, rarely takes a day off and is devoted to her patients.



**Becky Serrato**  
**Housekeeper**  
**Centinela Grand, Perris**

**35 Years in Long Term Care**

Becky started working in the healthcare profession in Texas before moving to California. She does her job with a smile on her face and shows compassion and love for the residents because as she says, "it's their home." She enjoys coming to work every day to interact with the residents and all of her co-workers at Centinela Grand. Everyday heroes not only wear capes, they are seen with brooms as well, making sure the facility is sparkling clean and residents are comfortable in their home sweet home.

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**Cherie Stafsholt**  
**Director of Dietary Services**  
**Healthcare Center of Orange County, Buena Park**

**30 Years in Long Term Care**

Cherie has excelled as a dietary supervisor for more than 30 years with outstanding survey outcomes in her department. She knows every one of her residents and their dietary preferences. Each day, her department works to ensure the delivery of quality food, snacks and dietary services. Cherie is always willing to go to other facilities to share her wisdom. Recognized more than once as Employee of the Year, Cherie gets compliments from CDPH about the cleanliness and performance of her department.



**Lorna Sypho**  
**Director of Medical Records/Activities**  
**Flower Villa, Los Angeles**

**29 Years in Long Term Care**

Lorna started working in long term care in the activities department, and then moved to another facility to serve as director of medical records. After a couple of career moves, she began working at Flower Villa where she directs both activities and the medical records department. Lorna is a loyal, team player. She demonstrates a lot of flexibility and always treats her residents with patience and care.



**Angel Tiscareno**  
**CNA**  
**Alameda Care Center, Burbank**

**44 Years in Long Term Care**

Angel Tiscareno has touched the lives of countless patients during his 44-year career as a certified nursing assistant. His most memorable incident occurred when the Alameda Care Center celebrated Angel's 30-year anniversary and during the party, he was able to save the life of a resident who was choking by using a Heimlich maneuver. Afterwards they developed a life-long friendship. Angel says he loves his residents and feels rewarded when they tell him they love him back.



**Kelly Valish**  
**Marketing Director**  
**Marquis Shasta, Redding**

**39 Years in Long Term Care**

With a cheerful and can-do attitude, Kelly is a positive force at the facility and in the community. She began working at Marquis Shasta after graduating from high school and has become an exceptional advocate for the facility and the profession. During her career, she has served as a CNA, activity director, unit secretary, admission coordinator and now marketing director. She has been honored as an Employee of the Year. Kelly is the 2019 event coordinator for the Redding Walk to End Alzheimer's and is active in many community organizations.



**Matt Wray**  
**Director of Plant Operations**  
**English Oaks Nursing and Rehabilitation, Modesto**

**25 Years in Long Term Care**

Matt leads by example and has an invaluable skill set in plant and facility operations. He is an accomplished professional who provides his employees with the support they need to be successful. He steps up when needed and has been instrumental in obtaining excellent surveys. Matt is a faithful steward of our resources. His dedication to providing care and services to our residents and families makes him a true servant leader.

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**Jennifer Mares**  
**Licensed Vocational Nurse**  
**Veterans Home of California, Fresno**

**40 Years in Long Term Care**  
**Posthumous Award**

Jennifer's 40 plus years in long term care included positions as a CNA, LVN and director of staff development at various facilities in the Central Valley. She joined the Fresno Veterans Home in 2014 where she was loved by her residents and co-workers alike and described as the rock that staff and residents relied on for direction and quality care. She knew the ins-and-outs of skilled nursing, was easy to talk to and always searching for ways to help others. The sudden loss of Jennifer in July has left a void in the hearts of Veterans, families and staff, but she will forever live on in their memories.



# 2018 SUPER STARS

Sharon Aleo  
Director of Nursing  
Windsor Post-Acute Center of Arvin, Bakersfield

Eufemia Bone  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Del Rio Gardens Center, Bell Gardens

Peggy Cantrell  
Director of Social Services  
Dycora Community Care, Fresno

Juana Castaneda  
Payroll Clerk  
Grant Cuesta Sub-Acute & Rehab, Mountain View

Arcelia Castillo  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Dycora Transitional Health, Manchester

Francisca Cedano  
Director of Social Services  
Del Rio Convalescent Center, Bell Gardens

Elizabeth Dardon  
Clinical Resource  
Ensign Services, Mission Viejo

Rosa Guanizo  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Glendora Grand, Glendora

Rosalind Hearne  
Business Office Manager  
Long Beach Care Center, Long Beach

Pluma Hobbs  
Health Information Manager  
Oroville Hospital Post Acute Center, Oroville

Evelia Meza  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Torrance Care Center West, Torrance

Dianne Rice  
Director of Business Development  
Windsor Palms Care Center of Artesia, Artesia

Soledad Rodriguez  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Santa Teresita Skilled Nursing Facility, Duarte

Cecilia Santiago  
Cook  
Pacific Villa, Long Beach

Monica Santos  
Licensed Vocational Nurse  
Dycora Transitional Health and Living, Fresno

Tavete Sitafine  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Shoreline Care Center, Oxnard

Erlinda Soto  
LVN Unit Supervisor  
Pacific Coast Manor, Capitola

Patricia "Patti" Terry  
Unit Assistant  
Edgemoor Hospital DP/SNF, Santee

Elida Velasquez  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Flower Villa, Los Angeles

Maribel "Mary" Velazquez  
Employee Services/Payroll  
English Oaks Nursing & Rehabilitation, Modesto

# 2017 SUPER STARS

Matrise Austin  
Director of Staff Development  
Vineyard Hills Health Center, Templeton

Gonzalo Cabrera  
Maintenance Assistant  
Windsor Palms Care Center of Artesia, Artesia

Monica Carter  
Medical Records Director  
Centinela Grand, Perris

Marge DalBianco  
Admissions Director  
Creekside Center, Stockton

Petra "Petey" Duarte  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Dycora Transitional Health and Living, Manchester

Joy Fernandes  
Restorative Nursing Assistant,  
Long Beach Care Center, Long Beach

Teresita Gapuz  
Staff Nurse/Registered Nurse  
Edgemoor DP SNF, Santee

Maria Gomez  
Dietary Assistant  
Dycora Transitional Health and Living, Fresno

Cynthia Imperial  
Director of Education and Infection Control  
El Encanto Healthcare, City of Industry

Ramona Jessop  
Activities Director  
Harbor View Behavioral Health Center, Long Beach

Lynette Johnson  
Registered Nurse  
Glendora Grand, Glendora

Sonja Kent  
Nurse Educator  
California Veterans Home, Shasta

Susan Macango  
Director of Nursing  
Carlsbad by the Sea, Oceanside

Sue Matagi  
Licensed Vocational Nurse  
Pacific Villa, Long Beach

Fabian Montebello  
Assistant Dietary Supervisor  
Villa Sienna, Mountain View

Maryse Henrietta Luceus Montes  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Rancho Mesa Care Center, Alta Loma

Daniel Teffera  
Assistant Director of Nursing  
Century Villa, Inglewood

Evadney Thomas  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Flower Villa, Los Angeles

Darrell Thorne  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Dycora Transitional Health and Living, Sanger



# 2016 SUPER STARS

Gloria Acosta  
Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional  
Glenridge Center, Glendale

Oswaldo Del Aguila  
Director of Environmental Services  
Windsor Gardens, Los Angeles

Chita Cabaya  
LVN Charge Nurse  
Centinela Grand, Perris

Gloria Castillo  
Restorative Nursing Assistant  
Windsor Gardens HC Ctr of the Valley, North Hollywood

Allison Dickson  
Central Supply Designee  
Las Flores Convalescent, Gardena

Helen Docena  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Willow Pass Healthcare Center, Concord

Kelly Dykstra  
Director of Environmental Services  
English Oaks Nursing & Rehabilitation, Modesto

Miguel Flores  
Dietary Cook  
Century Villa, Inglewood

Dina Gonzalez  
Activity Assistant  
Vineyard Hills Health Center, Templeton

Ernestina Hernandez  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Kindred Nursing & Transitional Care,  
Santa Cruz

Helen Herring  
Treatment Nurse  
Golden Living Center, Santa Rosa

Emma Lagoy  
Ward Clerk  
Joyce Eisenberg-Keefer Medical Center, Reseda

Felicidad "Fely" Magsino  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Glendora Grand, Glendora

Josephine Melendez  
Cook  
Sierra Vista Healthcare, Fresno

Barbara Olvera  
Restorative Nursing Assistant/Resident Care Specialist  
Long Beach Care Center, Long Beach

Marina Quintero  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Jewish Home for the Aging, Eisenberg Village, Reseda

Alcadia Sarmiento  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Torrance Care Center West, Torrance

Kim Strahl  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Legacy Post-Acute Rehabilitation,  
San Bernardino

Pam Walker  
Business Office Manager  
Edgemoor DP SNF, Santee

Sharon Zeno  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Chaparral House, Berkeley

# 2015 SUPER STARS

Rudy Briseno  
Maintenance Supervisor  
Golden Living Center, Fresno

Ellie Dawkins  
Respiratory Therapist  
Granada Rehab & Wellness Center, Eureka

Christi Fain  
Director of Dining Services  
Golden Living Center, Shafter

Maria Faria  
Staff Developer  
Willow Creek Healthcare Center, Clovis

Betsabe Gil  
Restorative Nursing Assistant  
Torrance Care Center, West Torrance

Aurora Guevara  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Pacific Villa, Long Beach

Sopheap Loch  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Creekside Center Genesis, Stockton

Virginia Lorenzo  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Long Beach Care Center, Long Beach

Lita Martinez  
Assistant Director of Nursing  
Vista Cove Care Center, Long Beach

Derrick Patterson  
Directory of Dietary Services  
Victoria Care Center, Ventura

Geraldine Perez  
Social Services Director  
Golden Living Center, Fowler

Sandra Petersen  
Charge Nurse  
Centinela Grand, Perris

Patricia Reis  
Activity Director  
Eureka Rehab & Wellness Center, Eureka

Rene Rosien  
Activity Director  
Glendora Grand, Glendora

Evelyn Stedman  
Dietary Aide/Cook  
Fortunate Rehab & Wellness Center, Fortuna

Steven Townsend  
Licensed Vocational Nurse  
Seaview Rehab & Wellness Center, Eureka

Matilde Uitz  
Housekeeper  
Century Villa, Inglewood

Sally Villarreal  
Housekeeper  
Villa Siena, Mountain View

# 2014 SUPER STARS

Abigail "Abby" Alvi  
Director of Accounting Services  
Riverside Health Care

Irma Basaldua  
Administrative Service Director  
Avalon Health Care, Merced

Angie Beeson  
Certified Nursing Assistant Instructor/DSD  
Eureka Rehab and Wellness Center, Eureka

Carol Bojorquez  
Recreation Services Director/Alzheimer's Care Assistant  
Golden Living Center, Fresno

Jesus "Roberto" Carrillo-Lopez  
Storeroom Clerk  
Joyce Eisenberg-Keefer Medical Center, Reseda

Eileen Castisimo  
Assistant Administrator  
Flower Villa, Los Angeles

Kanya Crews  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Windsor Manor Rehabilitation Center, Concord

Ivy Ferguson  
Medical Records  
Century Villa, Inglewood

Judie Garza  
Business Office Manager  
Windsor Palms Care Center of Artesia, Artesia

Haydee Hutton  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Golden Empire Nursing & Rehab Center,  
Grass Valley

Roberto Jimenez  
Lead Cook  
Windsor Gardens of Los Angeles, Los Angeles

Dora Martinez  
Medical Records Director  
Glendora Grand

Martina Martinez  
Restorative Nursing Assistant  
Jewish Home for the Aging, Grancell Village, Reseda

Myrna Mendoza  
Licensed Vocational Nurse  
Long Beach Care Center, Long Beach

Betty Rothaus  
Art Program Director  
Reutlinger Community for Jewish Living, Danville

Emma Soto  
Ward Clerk Technician  
Jewish Home for the Aging, Eisenberg Village, Reseda

Shony Suankaew  
Director of Social Services  
Windsor Gardens HC Ctr of the Valley, North Hollywood

Ines Vargas  
Housekeeper  
Shea Family Care, La Jolla

Melecia Williams  
Director of Staff Development  
Granada Rehab & Wellness Center, Eureka

Chet Williams  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Torrance Care Center West, Torrance

# 2013 SUPER STARS

Elvia Aguilar  
Activities Director  
Windsor Gardens Covalent Hospital, Los Angeles

Sheila Allen  
Maintenance Director  
Creekside Care Center, Stockton

Norma Baskette  
MDS Nurse  
Granada Rehabilitation Center, Eureka

Hilario Estrella  
Cook  
Jewish Home for the Aging, Eisenberg Village, Reseda

Karen Fox  
Business Office  
Windsor Hampton, Stockton

Tracy Fritts-Nash  
Payroll Benefits Coordinator,  
Kindred Nursing & Transitional Care, Santa Cruz

Lydia Gonzalez  
Alzheimer's Unit Director  
Country Villa, Redlands

Ron Harris  
Environmental Services  
Vista Pacifica Center, Jurupa

Elena Moreno Landeros  
Licensed Vocational Nurse/Treatment Nurse  
Vista Cove Care Center, Santa Paula

Robert Linden  
Medical Records Clerk  
Golden Empire Nursing and Rehab Center, Grass Valley

Norma Llamas  
Health Information Management Director  
Golden Living Center, Fresno

Adela Lopez  
Scheduling Supervisor  
Joyce Eisenberg-Keefer Medical Center, Los Angeles

Claudia Mallory  
Cook  
Seaview Rehabilitation and Wellness, Eureka

Christina Mijares  
Charge Nurse  
Windsor Post Acute, Hayward

Marta Perez  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Glendora Grand, Glendora

Sandra Poitan  
Laundry and Housekeeping Supervisor  
Windsor Gardens, Hawthorne

Ines Sanhueza  
Activity Assistant  
Windsor Gardens HC Ctr of the Valley, North Hollywood

Arleen Shelton  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Windsor Care Center of Cheviot Hills,  
Los Angeles

Emelita Villanueva  
Nursing Services Auditor  
Country Villa Health Care Center, Riverside

Michele Zarate  
MDS Coordinator/Case Manager  
Windsor Chico Creek, Chico

Rogelio Zarate  
Maintenance Technician  
Jewish Home for the Aging, Grancell Village, Reseda

# 2012 SUPER STARS

Esperanza Banuelos  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Centinela Grand, Perris

Jose Beltran  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Windsor Gardens HC Ctr of the Valley, North Hollywood

Annabelle Cagurangan  
Director of Nursing  
Country Villa Behavioral, Merced

Mario Figueroa  
Maintenance Supervisor  
Alliance El Monte Care Ctr and Cherrylee Ctr, El Monte

Edwina Garcia  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Bel Air Lodge Convalescent Hospital, Ceres

Juana Gonzalez  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Marlinda Imperial Convalescent Hospital, Pasadena

Margaret Goodin Goodward  
Art Therapist  
Country Villa Healthcare Center, Riverside

Roberta Herpka  
Activities Assistant  
Vista Cove Care Center, Rialto

Dick Hill  
Medical Records Director  
Windsor Gardens Convalescent Center, San Diego

Soon Kim (aka 'Mama Kim')  
Licensed Vocational Nurse / Charge Nurse  
Long Beach Care Center, Long Beach

Susan Leitch  
Community Manager, GZ Special Care  
Jewish Home for the Aging, Eisenberg Village, Reseda

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Community Manager, GZ Special Care  
Jewish Home for the Aging, Eisenberg Village, Reseda

Reccie Mendibles  
Treatment Nurse  
Golden Living Center, Fresno

Linda Neelen  
Administrator – GLC Training Center  
Golden Living Center Hillcrest, Fresno

Eva Pinedo  
Director of Staff Development  
County Villa Watsonville East, Watsonville

Angie Puente  
Restorative Nursing Assistant  
Rancho Vista, Vista

Martha Ramirez  
Cook  
St. Edna Sub-Acute & Rehab Center, Santa Ana

Juana Gonzalez  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Marlinda Imperial Convalescent Hospital, Pasadena

Linda Sandoval  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Country Villa, Redlands

Umilta Sargeant  
Licensed Vocational Nurse / Treatment Nurse  
Glendora Grand, Glendora

Jerry Sinor  
Restorative Nurse's Aide  
Golden Living Center, Galt

# 2011 SUPER STARS

Pamela Banks  
Payroll Manager  
Golden Living Center, Fresno

Maria Carreiro  
Assistant Dietary Supervisor  
Windsor Palms Care Center of Artesia, Artesia

Alda Carvalho  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Mission Skilled Nursing & Sub-Acute Center,  
Santa Clara

Maria Esquivel  
Housekeeping and Laundry Supervisor  
Pacific Hills Manor, Morgan Hill

Pat Hanratty  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Windsor Manor Rehab Center, Concord

Virginia "Ginger" Hoar  
Assistant to DON/Dir. of Staff Development/MDS Nurse  
Community Care on Palm, Riverside

Hernandez Johnson  
Executive Housekeeper  
Edgemoor Hospital DP/SNF, Santee

Lina Ladd  
Central Supply/Payroll Clerk  
Golden Living Center-Portside, Stockton

Chris Lowey  
Director of Business Development  
Windsor Elmhaven Care Center, Stockton

Yansye Masengi  
Direct Care Staff / Certified Nursing Assistant  
JonBec Care/Aaron House, Redlands

Josie Mata-Alvarez  
Activities Team Leader  
Jewish Home for the Aging, Grancell Village, Reseda

Elsa Mendosa  
Restorative Nursing Assistant  
Valley Pointe Nursing & Rehab, Castro Valley

Maria Moss  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Windsor Gardens Healthcare Center of the  
Valley, West Hollywood

Kilsoon Pak  
Registered Nurse  
West Anaheim Extended Care, Anaheim

Jane Pearson  
Business Office Manager  
Los Altos Sub-Acute Center, Los Altos

Rosalva Rivas  
Admissions Coordinator  
Downey Care Center, Downey

Norma Sanchez  
Staffing Coordinator  
Gilroy Healthcare & Rehab, Gilroy

Jerry Scovel  
Program Coordinator/Frontline Manager  
Hy-Lond Home, Garden Grove

Ronnie Watkins  
Activities Assistant  
Long Beach Care Center, Long Beach

Stella Zapata  
Facility Manager  
Del Park Manor, Corona



# 2010 SUPER STARS

Michael Adams  
Senior Supervising Primary Counselor  
Country Villa, Riverside

Sherley Brown  
CNA / RNA  
Country Villa, Redlands

Anna Canedo-Cortez  
Director of Staff Development  
Golden Living Center, Clovis

Ofelia Cano  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
The Venturan, Ventura

Mary Ann Carpio Hunter  
Dietary Services Manager  
Gilroy Healthcare and Rehab Center, Gilroy

Li Fang Jou  
Director of Staff Development  
Country Villa Broadway, San Gabriel

Ramona Gonzalez  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Country Villa, West Covina

Leslie Graeber  
Nursing Supervisor  
Country Villa, Petaluma

Lisa Graf  
Business Development Representative  
Country Villa Healthcare Center,  
Rancho Mirage

Rillie Griffin  
Laundry Aide  
Applewood Care Center, Sacramento

Martha Guzman  
Director of Nursing  
New Covenant Care Center, Dinuba

Cheryl Hughes  
Director of Staff Development  
Mission Skilled and Sub-Acute, Santa Clara

Geneva Jackson  
Resident Care Specialist  
Fruitvale Healthcare Center, Oakland

Connie Lucas  
Dietary Service Supervisor  
Brentwood Skilled Nursing, Red Bluff

Teresa Mejia  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Horizon Health & Sub-Acute, Fresno

Paramjit 'Jit' Prasad  
Housekeeper  
Ygnacio Valley Care Center, Walnut Creek

Nancy Sanchez-Aragon  
Director of Personnel  
Golden Living Center, Fresno

Helen Sanders  
Charge Nurse  
Parkside Special Care Center, El Cajon

Sandra Stockston  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Golden Living Center-Hillcrest, Fresno

Paula Yaish  
Dir. of Staff Development and Social Services Designee  
San Bruno Skilled Nursing Hospital, San Bruno

# 2009 SUPER STARS

Ronald Anderegg  
Laundry  
Country Villa, Merced

Davene Beck  
Nutritional Services Director  
Willows Care Center

Karen Beeler  
Director of Nursing Service  
Shadowbrook Health Care, Oroville

Linda Brandon  
Program Director  
Edgewood Center, Azusa

Rita Conrad  
Central Supply /Accounts Payable  
Country Villa, Redlands

Kurt Conroy  
Transportation/Medical Supply Ordering  
Hy-Lond Home, Garden Grove

Mary Flores  
Dietary Supervisor  
Country Villa, Merced

Pat Ivey  
Assistant DSD, Infection Control and Safety Officer  
Golden Empire Convalescent Hospital, Auburn

Maria Lieurance  
Director of Environmental Services  
Royalwood Care Center, Torrance

Geraldine Lockett  
Restorative Nursing Assistant  
Convalescent Center Mission Street,  
San Francisco

Margie McNeal  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Oakland McClure Rehab Center

Crystal Morrow  
LVN/Case Manager  
Country Villa Sheraton Nrsg & Rehab Center, North Hills

Betty Prince  
Business Manager  
Golden Living Center Hillcrest, Fresno

Joan Rice  
Resident Care Coordinator/MDS Nurse  
Country Villa, Watsonville

Ron Rich  
CNA/Facility Nursing Staffing Coordinator  
Windsor Redding Care Center, Redding

Susan Ann Russell  
Registered Nurse, Care Plan Coordinator  
Lompoc Comprehensive Care Center, Lompoc

Sharon Thompson  
Social Services Director  
Escondido Valley Vista, Escondido

Annette Torres  
Medical Records/Social Service Designee  
Community Care on Palm, Riverside

Marjorie Trimble  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
All Saints Sub-Acute & Rehabilitation Center, Hayward

# 2008 SUPER STARS

Domi Alquilita  
Laundry Aide  
Hampton Care Center, Stockton

Luether Brown  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Reutlinger Community for Jewish Living, Danville

Pak 'Ann' Dawkins  
Environmental Services/Janitor  
Fairfield Nursing & Rehab, Fairfield

Sandra Fillmore  
Finance/Accounting Service Leader  
Horizon Health & Sub-Acute Center, Fresno

Marie Garcia  
Activity Director  
Country Villa, Redlands

Maria Herrera  
Relief Cook/Dietary Aide  
Country Villa Hacienda Care Center,  
San Bernardino

Mary Johnson  
Director of Social Services  
Windsor Redding Care Center, Redding

Fely Mabbayad  
Assistant DON  
Country Villa, Rancho Mirage

Laurel Marks  
Dietary Kitchen Helper  
SunBridge Care & Rehab, San Leandro

Gloria McGruder  
Director of Staff Development  
Windsor El Camino Care Center, Carmichael

Ida Moreno  
Housekeeping Supervisor  
Hacienda Care Center, Livermore

Maria Motta  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Golden Living Center-Hillcrest, Fresno

Simin Phanucharas  
DON  
Golden Living Center, Fresno

Jesse Richardson  
Senior Cook/Supervisor  
San Diego Health Care, San Diego

Dorothy Richie  
Medical Records Assistant  
SunBridge Care & Rehab, Tustin

Evelia Santoyo  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Marlinda Imperial Convalescent, Pasadena

Joanne Sarbeck  
Medical Records Manager  
Hy-Lond Home, Garden Grove

Gennie Smith  
Dietary Supervisor  
Windsor Palms Care Center, Artesia

Elizabeth Velazquez  
Dietary Supervisor  
Idylwood Care Center, Sunnyvale

Hazel Williams  
Environmental Services Supervisor  
Vallejo Care Center, Vallejo

# 2007 SUPER STARS

Patricia Andy  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Brookside Skilled Nursing, San Mateo

Anthony Brown  
Head Cook  
Valley Pointe Nursing & Rehab, Castro Valley

Kathy Byrd  
Medical Records Supervisor  
Crestview Convalescent Hospital, Rialto

Leopoldo Carreno  
Food Service Supervisor  
Somerset Special Care Center, El Cajon

Gatherine 'Kitty' Culleton  
RN Supervisor  
Horizon Hlth & Sub-Acute Center, Fresno

Susan Horn  
Charge Nurse-LVN  
Country Villa Healthcare Center, San Rafael

Linda Martinez  
Social Services Designee  
Country Villa, Watsonville

Lynette Matthews  
Facility Manager  
Rockcreek/Rescare, Rancho Cucamonga

Jaime Mejia  
Business Office Manager  
Buena Vista Care Center, Santa Barbara

Linda Miller  
Activity Director  
Windsor Manor Rehab Center, Concord

Carmen Ponce  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
San Bruno Skilled Nursing, San Bruno

Caroline Pyle  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Alliance Nursing & Rehab, El Monte

Everardo Reynoso  
Maintenance Supervisor  
Country Villa, West Covina

Demetria 'Deme' Rodriguez  
Licensed Vocational Nurse  
Del Amo Gardens, Torrance

Mary Sandoval  
MDS Coordinator  
Beverly Manor, Valley Healthcare Center, Fresno

Josie Santana  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Valencia Palms Nursing, Indio

Phyllis 'Terri' Sola  
Assistant Director of Nursing  
Marlinda Imperial Convalescent Hospital, Pasadena

Lorene Tardy  
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McClure Convalescent Hospital, Oakland

Alicia Tovar  
Housekeeping/Laundry Supervisor  
The Venturan, Ventura

Juanita 'Manang' Uy  
Dietary Service Supervisor  
Country Villa Health Center, Lynwood

# 2006 SUPER STARS

Paul Allen  
Laundry Assistant  
Los Altos Sub-Acute, Los Altos

Maria Christina Alvary  
Social Service Designee  
Fillmore Convalescent Hospital, Fillmore

Brenda Atkins  
Certified Nursing Assistant/Team Leader  
Vernon Convalescent Hospital, Los Angeles

Dorothy Butler  
Team Leader  
Torrance Care Center, Torrance

Louis Caldera  
Dietary Manager  
El Rancho Vista Healthcare Center,  
Pico Rivera

Cynthia Cuervo  
Assistant Mental Retardation Professional  
Edgewood Center, Azusa

Morena Ebete  
Director of Dietary Services  
Shoreline Care Center, Oxnard

Maria Echevarria  
Dietary Supervisor  
Country Villa. West Covina

Aurio Euan  
Maintenance Director  
The Venturan, Ventura

Candelaria Fabian  
Cook  
Fruitvale Healthcare Center, Oakland

Rosa Guevarra  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Country Villa, Glendale

Marva Hill  
Activity Director  
Country Villa North Nursing Center,  
Los Angeles

Norma Penner  
Relief Cook  
Lincoln Glen Nursing Facility, San Jose

Virginia Peralta  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Brookside Skilled Nursing Hospital, San Mateo

Shari Ryan  
Activity Director  
Country Villa Laguna Hills HC Center, Laguna Hills

Meldy Shipp  
Activity Director  
The Center at ParkWest, Reseda

Debbie Sweeny  
Admission/Marketing Coordinator  
Mission Carmichael, Carmichael

# 2005 SUPER STARS

Luningning 'Lu Lu' Acob  
Licensed Vocational Nurse  
Lincoln Glen Nursing Facility, San Jose

Marianne Adams  
Medical Records Supervisor  
Diamond Ridge Health Care Center, Pittsburg

Brenda Chacon  
Director of Social Services  
Rollins Nelson Healthcare, Long Beach

Natalie Chatham  
RN Supervisor  
Lompoc Convalescent Care Center, Lompoc

Dolores Chavez  
MDS Coordinator  
Hope Manor, Fresno

Roxann Dominguez  
Director of Admissions/Marketing  
Fairfield Nursing & Rehab Center, Fairfield

Ruby Francis  
Medical Records Supervisor  
Courtyard Care Center, Hayward

Virginia 'Ginger' Hickey  
Laundry Aide  
El Camino Care Center, Carmichael

Vera Janikowski  
LVN Charge Nurse  
Northgate Care Center, San Rafael

Chung-Ying Liao  
Cook  
Woodland Nursing Inn, Lafayette

Jonnie Livings  
Registered Nursing Assistant  
Fruitvale Health Care Center, Oakland

Mattie Love  
Dietary Services Supervisor  
Brighton Place, San Diego

Elizabeth (Beth) Manlapaz  
Registered Nurse  
Skyline Health Care Center, San Jose

Jennie Moncada  
Registered Nursing Assistant  
The Venturan, Ventura

Kathy Storsberg  
Director of Staff Development  
Kings Nursing & Rehab, Hanford

Diane Tallent  
Medical Records Director  
Fillmore Convalescent Hospital, Fillmore

Bernadette Tong  
MDS Coordinator  
McClure Convalescent Hospital & Rehab Center, Oakland

Alita Ueese  
CNA/MHW  
Vista Pacifica Center, Riverside

Elizabeth Villaflores  
Marketing Director  
Gardena Convalescent Center, Gardena

Dorothy Woods  
Director of Environmental Services  
Stonebrook Healthcare Center, Concord



# 2004 SUPER STARS

Silvia Alonso  
Business Office Manager  
McClure Convalescent & Rehab Center, Oakland

Gloria Balthes  
Activity Director  
Sunbridge Care Center, Temple City

Irma Berumen  
Registered Nursing Assistant  
The Venturan, Ventura

Kari Bowers  
Activity Assistant  
Skyline Healthcare Center, San Jose

Mark Cardenas  
Plant Operations Director  
Northern CA Rehabilitation Hospital, Redding

Joan Choi  
Registered Nurse  
Courtyard Care Center, Hayward

Karen Cochran  
Director of Activities  
Sunbridge Care Center, Paradise

Lucille Conley  
Certified Nursing Assistant  
Horizon Health & Sub-Acute Center, Fresno

Maria Demonte  
Primary Day Cook  
Brookside Skilled Nursing Hospital, San Mateo

Melinda Gomez  
Director of Nursing  
Fillmore Convalescent Hospital, Fillmore

Debra Goulart  
Health Information Services Specialist  
Sunbridge Care Center, Willows

Thida Jayankura  
Food Service Supervisor  
Hayward Convalescent Hospital, Hayward

Gwen Kliewer  
Director of Staff Development  
Wish-I-Ah Care Center, Auberry

Deborah Koonce  
Licensed Vocational Nurse  
Monterey Palms Healthcare Center,  
Palm Desert

Queen Langston  
Medical Records Director  
Fillmore Convalescent Hospital, Fillmore

Gloria Lantan  
CNA/RNA  
Woodland Nursing Inn, Lafayette

Rae Patton  
Assistant Director of Nursing Services  
Palm Springs Health Center, Palm Springs

Judy Preston  
Medical Records Director  
Reutlinger's Community for Jewish Living, Danville

Jovita Quilaquil  
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